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In re Application of: Douglas Paul ALLARD

Serial No.: 10/656,400

Filed: September 4, 2003

For: PREFILTER FOR WATER TREATMENT

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Examiner: Fred G. Prince

Atty. Dkt. No.: 11533.0026.NPUS02

**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED OCTOBER 19, 2004**

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This is in response to the Office Action dated **October 19, 2004**, having a shortened statutory period for response that expires on January 19, 2005. The Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider the claims in view of the following amendments and remarks.



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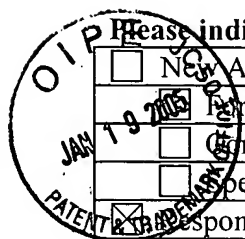
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1. PTO Form 1083 Transmittal;
2. Response to Office Action Dated October 19, 2004 (9 pages); and
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